account of export of consultancy services, including computer software exports, and growth rate during the last 3 years are as under:

Year	Foreign Exchange Earnings (Rs. crores)	Growth rate
1990-91	312	
1991-92	720	130%
1992-93	831	15%
1993-94	1650 (estimated)	98%

Source: Federation of Indian Export Organisations.

Enhancement in Agricultural Exports after GATT

*391. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the prospect of expansion of agricultural exports during the coming ten years following the signing of GATT agreement?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): The Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture envisages (i) the "tariffication" of all non-tariff border measures, a target reduction of 36 per cent in the resulting tariffs and existing customs duties, and a binding of all agricultural duties at the new levels; (ii) a 20 per cent reduction in domestic support measures (expressed in the form of an aggregate measurement of support); and (iii) reductions of 36 per cent in budgetary outlays on export subsidies and reduction by 21 per cent in the quantity of subsidised exports. Adoption of these measures will enhance market access opportunities for agricultural commodities in all countries, both developed and developing, besides having a positive impact on the prices of agricultural products in the world market.

India has a comparative advantage in the production of agricultural commodiites because of our diverse agro-climatic conditions, our reasonable labour costs and the lower import requirements of this sector. The recent exchange rate adjustments and the liberalisation in Export Policy have significantly enhanced the competitiveness of agro-exports. Hence, the country is likely to gain significantly from the more open world trade policy environment in agriculture.

Non-payment of wages by British India Corporation Ltd.

*392. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that British India Corporation Limited, a Government of India Undertaking, has been violating labour laws by not adhering to the stipulated date of payment of wages to its employees and to the employees of its subsidiary or associate Companies;

(b) whether the Undertaking is also not depositing the amount of GPF contribution of the employees regularly;

(c) whether Government have not initiated any action against the management of the Undertaking so far; and

(d) if so, the factors and reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) It is reported that up-to-date payment of wages has not been possible in one subsidiary company (Brushware Ltd.) and also in two associate companies (Champarun Sugar Company and Saran Engineering Ltd.) of the British India Corporation Limited and that there has been default in payment of C.P.F. contributions, on account of severe working capital shortage. While the State Government are the appropriate authorities for initiating action for delay in payment of wages under the Payment of Wages Act,